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Christmas

Once more we reach a finger post,
Upon life's broad highway.
To keep a tryst with Father Time
Who comes with greetings gay.
Leave care and trouble to themselves.
Let pleasure hold their sway.
Hark to the laughter and the song,
All hail to Christmas day.
The old folks and the youngsters join
In play and merry jest,
Or in the singing of the songs
That old folks love the best.
Because the memories that they bring
Are like a golden ray
Luminating all the happy hours
That crowd the Christmas Day.

A Thought for Christmas

"God Bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim.
Many years have passed since Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" with its meretricious revelation of the soul-cramping power of greed for material wealth, and its glowing picture of the mental and spiritual peace that comes to those whose sympathy for humanity finds outlet in deeds as well as in words.

As never before the world about you needs the practical application of the lesson Dickens sought to teach. Everywhere, in the country, in the village, in the town, in the city, there are Tiny Tims. There are older folk too, sick in body, troubled in mind, oppressed with fears for those dependent upon them, almost lost out with the strain of the battle of life. Sometimes you have wondered how they managed to get along, from what source they draw their unquenchable belief in the coming of a brighter day.

To such as these a kindly thought put into action, may make all the difference between "A Merry Christmas" and "A Christmas Carol." The smile of courage is all too close to tears. The reward of your own family circle and your chosen friends will be illuminated by a more radiant glow if you know that in at least one lonely heart, there have been satisfied and faith in human kind removed, because of your thoughtfulness. There may be others too in no want for that which money can buy, but these souls are parched for lack of the encouragement you could give. The day will come when it is too late to wish that the friendly smile and the word of cheer had been given as freely as they were longingly hoped for. Be prodigal with them now. Banish false pride and cultivated anguish. Remember the story of the first Christmas, so old yet ever new. Open wide the door of your heart to its message and its glory. So shall you find the Christmas spirit marching with you through the days of life; so shall you always be able to say with the abiding faith of poor and crippled Tiny Tim
"God Bless us every one!"

The Spirit of Christmas

The spirit of Christmas is emphatically the spirit of goodwill. There is a desire on the part of those who participate in it to make every one happy. The question of wealth and the worthlessness is relegated to the background, and the attempt is made to bring a little more of joy and gladness to every life, worthy or unworthy. And while it emphasizes family ties, it does not restrict itself to the family circle, but seeks to bring pleasure to as many as possible. And in this prevailing spirit of goodwill lying back of our Christmas giving and planning which makes the occasion so enjoyable and so helpful. In it we seem somehow to come a little nearer to our neighbor, and the ties of human brotherhood assumes greater reality.

When the angels sang, or prayed, "Peace on Earth" they struck a keynote which is sounding today over all the world. From the manger in Bethlehem there goes forth in ever-widening circles the spirit of peace. What better time can there be than this Christmas time for us to bury old grudges, and be reconciled to old enemies. When Jesus Christ is borned it is easy to forgive and forget, and there could come few greater boons to some hearts than this blessing of forgiveness, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. And while the Christmas bells are ringing and the Christmas music is filling the air it would be an unspeakable blessing if the hearts of

men would quietly and for ever throw away from them all hateful and all malice, and extend a universal amnesty to all enemies. Christmas is a time of forgiveness as well as of peace. But goodwill means much more than forgiveness. It means the unselfish outflow of kindly thoughts and words and deeds. It means unselfish giving of our sympathy, our money, and our influence to secure greater happiness to others, especially to those whose need excites to the greatest. The question of merit does not enter into the matter so much, but the question of need; and it is a delightful thing when God makes it possible for us to increase in joy and the comfort and happiness of our fellows. And when the spirit of good will has its way and pride and greed and selfishness are thrust aside, it seems as though heaven came very near to earth, as both the givers and the receivers rejoice together. It may be that our wealth is very limited, but the spirit of Christmas is not restricted to golden channels, even the poorest may share the happiness of helping others.—Ez.

Christmas Giving

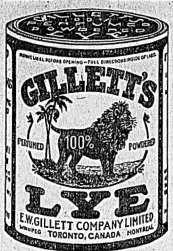
Making a present as payment for a present that you have received is a poor kind of Christmas giving. So, too, is giving what you wish to get rid of. When a gift gives away a pair of new shoes that are too small for her who does not prove that she is generous; she merely escapes the accusation that she is a dog in the manger. A third type of gift focuses his eye for attention on the recipient's welfare, not on her pleasure. The conscientious daughter may well think of her mother's comfort, but that does not mean that she should give her a hot water bottle or an electric toaster when she wants silk stockings or an edition of her favorite poet. Farthest from all being generous is the person that gives presents that benefit herself. The manufacturer who distributes free samples cannot credit himself with philanthropy; he is merely making Christmas a business deal. The real Christmas generosity keeps both eyes on the happiness of the recipient. The gift should be for her alone, yet with it should go all the kindness of spirit of the giver. "Just off the gift of the giver is bare." Though the forces of this life is blunted by familiarity, it sums up the great fact that true Christmas giving is a matter, not of the heart, but of the mind or of pocket, but of the heart.

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Lured children, in a row.
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they possibly can know.
Look them over, Mr. Shopper, when
you walk the town tonight.
Thin and hungry little children, bor-
rowing a brief delight
From the wonders of a Christmas
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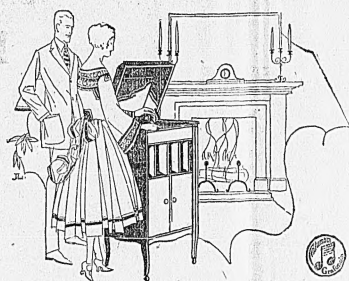
I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wide and sweet
The words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
And though how, as the day had come
The bell-voices of all Christendom,
Had rolled along,
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
Then, from each bell, accented morn,
The canon thundered in the south
And with the sound
The carols drowned,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthside of a content,
And made forlorn
The household born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."
Then pealed the bells more long and deep;
God is not dead, nor doth sleep,
The wrong shall fall,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Curious Christmas Presents

Most of us receive white elephants at Christmas, minus trunks and tails, but Mark Twain, the American humorist, did actually receive an elephant one year.

Just before the festive season a great friend wrote and told him if he was willing to accept an elephant as a token of his regard, it would arrive in due course.

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Precious few to help collections.

An amusing, practical joke, but a little expensive.
The King of Spain used to send Queen Victoria a very curious present every Christmas. It may have been want of imagination, or he may have heard that the flying pan was the curse of the English coast, and thought they must vanquish constantly renewing. Whatever his reason, her Majesty received a silver flying pan as regularly as Christmas came around.

Thomas Carlyle once quite forgot to buy a Christmas gift for his wife. There is nothing unique about this. Other men have done the same. Nor is there anything particularly generous in the way he made up his neglect to remember the day. He wrote the following letter:

"The prophecy of a washstand to the nearest of all women. Resigns on her beauteous face, and he it ever blithesome as it is dear, blithe or not."
Dec. 25, 1850.
T. Carlyle.

The great man did really give his wife three pounds with which to buy the promised washstand at which he no doubt, washed quite as often as she did. But that's a man all over.

A NOVEL AUCTION CHRISTMAS TREE

A novel and amusing way of raising money for Christmas charity that at the same time gives the whole world a part in it, a pleasant Christmas entertainment was devised last season by a wide awake church in Massachusetts. It is a plan that might easily be copied by any Alberta community. Contributions were solicited from as many distant points as possible. The value and nature of the gift were left to the giver, with the understanding that nothing should be sent on which the postage would be more than 25 cents. The packages were then hung on the tree, with the wrappers still on them, and were sold at auction. The pleasant mystery for the bidders was in the fact that nothing but the postmark gave a clue to the contents of the package. So the blunder might get a Chinese tribute or a cornucopia from Persia, or just some common thing from some place in the United States.

Whatever came from a distance appealed to the bidders, whether it was a California foliage, Florida orange blossoms, pine needles basketry from Maine, or Cape Cod cranberries, and, although most of the contributions were close to home, yet, marks, there was a scattering of the foreign to make the bidding exciting.

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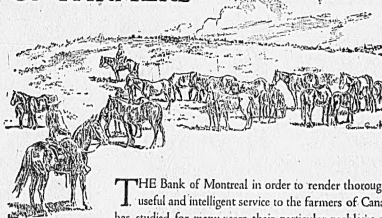
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM REV. W. H. IRWIN

(Continued from page 1)

1922. People then were oppressed by great and unscrupulous powers until their hearts ached beneath the pain and discouragement of it. Are we without such experiences? Men in these days who were very much as this is not all of life; there is a liberty, a full orbed existence that we as yet know nothing about and it is the God-hered, He hath put down the might-

given heritage of men," and they fixed their eyes upon the brilliant star blazing out on their mental horizon, just as we in Canada are doing now. And they said: "Under that star God is going to reveal Himself in a new born King, money shall be debarred, private interests and political power shall step down. He hath showed strength with his arm, and hath scattered the proud in the imagination of the heart, He hath put down the might-

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THE RIGHT TOYS TO
GIVE

(By Mary A. Roberts)

Parents and others who give toys to children at Christmas (or at any other time) sometimes hold the belief that any sort of toy that will amuse a child is a suitable gift.

Almost any toy will amuse a little while. Unless there is something back of that toy, something really worth while, it is a waste of money. A toy should always have two purposes: first, to please and amuse the child; second, to really benefit the child. This can easily be done.

A toy that is ironing board really benefits a little girl first, because it teaches her to iron just like Mama. Mother shows her how to use the iron, how to properly dampen the clothes, how to fold for ironing, how to use starch. The child very soon learns how to make her doll's dresses as nice and smooth as her own that Mother irons. And she never forgets how to iron. Result—it proved to be the right kind of toy.

Or give a small boy a set of metal construction parts and ask him if he can make a wheelbarrow. He sits down and works over it until he puzzles it out, and then you are as proud of him as he is of what he has made. There are many mechanical appliances which will bring out all of a boy's constructive ingenuity and will prove a source of great satisfaction and enjoyment to him. Metal construction sets are marvels to a growing boy; with some of these sets he can build a thousand different structures, and as he builds them together he may be finding his career.

For girls there will never be anything to take the place of the doll. How enthusiastic little Mother becomes in her play with her doll! She quickly learns to make doll's clothes to care for her little doll, and a great many other domestic things which would not interest her in any other way. Toys can be Mother's co-workers.

And girls like to cut out things. Educational cut-outs are innumerable and very inexpensive. Give a little girl a furniture set and she soon learns to be careful with furniture. Weaving sets quickly train children minds to color perception. Enamelled working looms are built like the big industrial looms, with real controls and shutters, upon which a child can make miniature rugs, carpets and many other pretty articles from her direction.

Modeling appeals strongly to most children and is an excellent training for both hand and eye. Some of the older boys and girls will surprise you with their achievements. For the little ones, and boys who have animals and shovels, and a big metal box to work in and confine the sand, to its proper place.

Among household "toys" the list is almost limitless. A miniature sewing machine forever holds a little girl's interest and makes a straight seam a beautiful accomplishment. The electric iron that really "sews" doll's clothes is always wonderful, and a small cooking range with fairy cooking utensils encourages daughter to help mother, to learn how to "make something" and avails her imagination to the possibilities of a hostess. Little bathrooms, modeled like tiles, have tub, washstand, shower and the

other essential appliances, and her play will easily lead a little girl into hygienic habits. There are also laundry sets, carpet sweepers, galvanised iron refuse cans and almost everything else that mother uses.

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Design Selected For
Monuments To Mark
Canada History Sites

Lieut.-Col. C. P. Meredith, architect of Ottawa, has been adjudged the winner of the first prize in the competition arranged by the historical monuments branch of the interior department for a suitable design to mark the historical sites of Canada. W. L. Somerville, architect, Toronto, was second, and an architect from Winnipeg, third.

About 60 architects and artists from all over the dominion competed. The judges were Prof. Percy Noble, architect, Montreal; M. A. Marchand, architect, Montreal; and Homer Watson, artist. The prizes were \$250, \$150 and \$100.

The design of Col. Meredith is simple and can be adapted to any locality with the least loss of the district, and built of a shrie 16 feet high, four feet at the base, with an inset for a bronze tablet explaining the significance of the monument. The shrie is surmounted on three steps symbolical of the three peoples, the Indians, the French and the British. Col. Meredith suggested that a screen of birch trees be placed behind the shrie. These would be representative of the provinces. In Ontario the maple would be appropriate, in British Columbia the Douglas fir, and in Quebec provinces by trees indigenous to the provinces.

It will be recalled that it was suggested by the department some time ago that the monuments should be the architects, artists and stone and marble manufacturers was so great that the department did not wish to go through the project. About 200 monuments have not yet been chosen, but they will mark important events in the history and industrial life of the dominion.

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Edmonton Weekly News Bulletin

Stop Seed Testing at Schools

No further seed testing for farmers will be carried out at the schools of agriculture in the province, according to an announcement from the department of agriculture by Hon. Geo. Howley. It is also announced by Hon. Howley of the agricultural college at the university, that no more seed testing for farmers will be done there. For some time it has been the custom to test samples of seed sent in by farmers at the schools of agriculture and at the college, but these seed testings had no official status. Samples of seed should be sent to the Dominion Seed Branch at Calgary.

Special Rates on Seed Grain

It has been arranged that the same reduction in freight rates as apply to seed grain sent out from the Government Seed Plant, shall apply to seed grain sent in by farmers to the plant at Edmonton. To obtain this rate it is necessary for farmers having registered seed to send to the government plant, to have a certificate signed by W. J. Stephen, crops commissioner, the department of agriculture, to the effect that the seed is from crop, inspected by an inspector and eligible for registration. The reduction in rates amounts to about 46 per cent.

New Type of Hospital

Plans have been prepared by Provincial Architect R. P. Blakey for a new type of building for municipal hospitals in Alberta. A demand has arisen in growing communities which are not yet able or ready to undertake the larger building enterprises, for a more moderate priced type of structure, the health department has had a new design drawn up, in which costs of building and equipment have been reduced from \$2,500 per bed to about \$1,000. The new plan calls for a twenty bed building of wood construction, fully equipped with modern hospital furnishings and plant. It will be of the cottage type costing slightly over \$20,000. The first point at which a building of this kind will be erected will likely be Grande Prairie, where the question of a municipal hospital scheme is still pending.

Alberta Butter Wins Prizes

Alberta butter exhibits won a total of 23 prizes at the winter show at Guelph, which has been in progress during the past week. The winners were as follows:

Section 1, Creamery butter, unsalted, 50lb box, 2nd Central Creameries, Olds; 4th, Henry Hansen, Eckville; 6, Central Creameries, Calgary.

Section 2, Creamery butter, salted, 14lb box, 3rd C. Christensen, Edmonton City Dairy; 4th Central Creameries, Calgary; 5th Central Creameries, Olds; 6th, W. Hansen, Lacombe; 9th Henry Hansen, Olds; 11th Ponoka Creameries.

Section 3, Creamery, salted, 50lb box 4th Central Creameries, Olds; 4th, C. Markberg, Markerville; 5th, Central Creameries, Olds; 11th, Central Creameries, Camrose.

Section 4, Ponoka Creamery 2nd; Central Creameries, Olds; 2nd; 4th C. Markberg, Markerville; 5th, Central Creameries, Calgary; 7th, Henry Hansen, Eckville; 11th, W. Hansen, Lacombe.

Section 5, Creamery, 1lb pails, 3rd Central Creameries, Calgary; 5th, Central Creameries, Camrose; 7th Central Creameries, Olds; Ponoka Creamery.

Livestock Winners at Guelph

Livestock exhibits sent by the University of Alberta found prominent places in the prize list at the Guelph show. The university stalling looked like the Prince of Wales special, for best three animals at the show. He animals on which the prize was won being the junior yearling calf contributed by J. C. Clark, Irma; the senior yearling of Wm. Sharpe, Lacombe, and the Alberta university calf "Victor."

Threshing Returns

Returns from 1,619 threshers have now been received by the department of agriculture, and the crop averages over the entire province are shown by these returns as follows: spring wheat 11 bushels; winter wheat, 11.36 bushels; oats 21 bushels; barley 11.90 bushels; rye 9.45 bushels; flax 4.83 bushels.

Grasshopper Campaign

The campaign that was waged against grasshoppers in Alberta during the past summer, yielded most gratifying results. Though the crops of large areas were threatened with complete destruction the actual losses so far reported are comparatively small. As a result of the campaign we can confidently expect a marked reduction in the severity of the outbreak next year, throughout the greater portion of the infested territories. The outbreak is however, by no means over.

Value of Products, 1922

Alberta produced in 1922 ten million dollars' worth more in products of the land and livestock than in 1921, according to annual statistics which have been compiled by the provincial department of agriculture.

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS TALE

One cold December evening, a little girl stood shivering on the doorstep of a handsome residence. Her dress was ragged and torn and her poor little feet and hands had no covering whatever. She lay crumpled on the door step in a miserable heap, and none of the passersby paid the slightest attention to her.

Inside the residence, in a warm cosy sitting room, a lonely widow sat mourning for her only child. This was Christmas Eve and two years ago she

partition of agriculture, in co-operation with the dominion bureau of statistics. Products of the land in 1921 including value of livestock slaughtered and sold, totalled \$127,465,000 and the estimate of this year's value of production is placed at \$143,350,000. The increase comes chiefly in the larger quantity of grain the province this year, and in the substantial increase in dairy products. The quantity of wheat produced shows an increase of about ten million bushels, although the average per acre is lower than last year. The average price for wheat is slightly higher this year than last year.

had received the sad tidings of his death. He had died bravely fighting in the great war, and his mother loved to retrospect upon the happy days of his childhood when little hands and feet had done their best to render her happy.

Little Gertrude, for that was the name of the poor wail on the floor step, was also alone in the world. A few hours ago returning home after selling her papers on her crossing she had found her sick grandmother dead. Exposure and overwork had killed the poor weak body at last. Gertrude, horrified at this strange cold death, had fled from the mortuary scene and wandered about the streets until at last overcome by fatigue and cold she had sought shelter on a friendly door step.

The slow hours wore on oblivious to the sorrow or suffering of the world. The lady of the house took her lamp at midnight, and wrapping a shawl about her went to see what the weather was like.

To her amazement she nearly stumbled over a bundle of rags which she hunched up on the door step. She lowered the flickering flame and tried to discover what it might be and was surprised to find a poor wail of seven or eight soundly sleeping, in spite of the cold.

Touched by pity, the lady wrapped the child in her shawl and lifting the wail in her arms brought her into the house.

She bathed the child in warm water and after a brisk rubbing with a towel wrapped the child up well in a blanket and carried her up to bed. The child was too weak to protest and the widow managed to feed her with soup but great before she went off to sleep. Her dreams were all of wondrous palaces of gold, for she was never to know the shadow of care again.

Before retiring the widow opened her window wide and gazed out into the night. The night was clear and starry and a golden moon was gliding softly across the dark expanse of blue. The widow mused upon this peaceful scene for a while and then knelt down and prayed to God that she might have this little wail for her own, to guard and care for and so that God answered her prayer, for in the days to come little Gertrude grew to love her with all her heart and gradually their love for each other increased until they found a fatherly place on earth than is the share of most mortals.

And this is a tale of Christmas for the divine Providence had led these two lonely ones into each other on Christmas eve.

The Times has accepted the agency for one of the best lines of art calendars ever seen in the west, and we would be glad to show samples to anyone interested. These calendars are made in Canada, and the prices are very moderate. Do not place your order before seeing our line. Buy at home and keep the money in the community.

Big bone specimens from the Red Deer river fossil beds and various other Alberta specimens are about to be given a permanent home in Edmonton. A museum is now being fitted up on the top floor of the main university building in which material collected in the famous Red Deer bone quarry will be put on display.

Hon. Arthur Meighen is in danger of losing the official leadership of the opposition, with the annual stipend of \$10,000 attached thereto. Robert Forke, M.P., as leader of the second largest group in the committee of Charles, will make this fact the basis for his being appointed the official leader of the opposition, thereby depriving the former premier of a notable "plum."

Liver Trouble

Pains in Stomach

Most of the misery and ill-health that humanity is plagued with arise from disorders of the liver, stomach or bowels.

If you are feeling out of sorts, have pains in the stomach, especially after eating, sour stomach, bilious spells, sick or bilious headaches, heartburn, water brash, etc., you should take a few doses of Miburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. They will loosen up the liver, regulate the bowels, and live up the stomach.

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HOCKEY SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON

Christmas Day—
Lacombe at Ponoka.
Wetaskiwin at Leduc.
Friday, Dec. 29—
Lacombe at Leduc.
Wetaskiwin at Ponoka.
New Year's Day—
Ponoka at Lacombe.
Friday, Jan. 5—
Wetaskiwin at Leduc.
Lacombe at Ponoka.
Tuesday, Jan. 9—
Leduc at Wetaskiwin.
Ponoka at Lacombe.
Friday, Jan. 12—
Ponoka at Leduc.
Wetaskiwin at Lacombe.
Tuesday, Jan. 16—
Leduc at Ponoka.
Lacombe at Wetaskiwin.
Friday, Jan. 19—
Wetaskiwin at Leduc.
Lacombe at Ponoka.
Tuesday, Jan. 23—
Leduc at Wetaskiwin.
Ponoka at Lacombe.
Friday, Jan. 26—
Wetaskiwin at Ponoka.
Lacombe at Leduc.
Ponoka at Wetaskiwin.
Friday, Feb. 2—
Ponoka at Leduc.
Wetaskiwin at Wetaskiwin.
Lacombe at Ponoka.
Tuesday, Feb. 13—
Leduc at Wetaskiwin.
Ponoka at Lacombe.

There is a cat in Edberg which weighs 15 pounds. The people down here are saying that he is the biggest cat in the province, and challenge anyone to dispute the statement.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Bradley, beloved wife of Rev. W. L. Bradley, quietly passed away Sunday night. Funeral services were held in the church Tuesday afternoon and largely attended by friends from town and vicinity, as well as Albany and Oshawa. Rev. Gordon, of Camrose, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. M. Inge. The wreaths were many and beautiful. Interment took place Wednesday afternoon—Bawlt Sun.

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Brookfield Pork Sausage, per carton.	80c
MINCEMEAT, SPECIAL, 5 lbs for.	\$1.00
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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. J. I. Poole will receive on Friday, December 29th, from four to six p.m.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Crooked Lake will meet at the home of Mrs. Turquist on December 29th. Every body is welcome.

The Ladies' Aid of the Norwegian Lutheran church will have a donation social at the home of Mrs. D. E. Nelson on Friday, evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock.

China Sharpe has purchased a complete breaking outfit, consisting of a Sampson engine and Van Slyke plow. It is his intention to do considerable breaking next year.

All members of the Women's Institute having Christmas flowers for the hospital are requested to notify the flower committee, (Mrs. Gotthard or Mrs. Starkey).

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Maggs, of Vermilion, have been spending a few days at the home of their son, A. E. Maggs, before leaving for Winnipeg, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. E. J. Short, sr., left to visit relatives and friends in England a few days ago. She wishes to thank all the friends who assisted her in any way, and also to see her relatives at this time.

The Edmonton Journal carrier boys in Wetaskiwin were at the Capital on Wednesday attending the annual entertainment and banquet tendered to all the rural carriers by the Journal company.

A young man, who is not very tall, and who lives west of the Pine hill, had an experience last week that he and his friends will not soon forget. He, accompanied by two boy and two girls, started for Piskin, but before getting very far, the buggy broke down. To prove that he was a good sport, he hired a sleigh and succeeded in getting to the dance alright, but as sleighing was not good, he hired another buggy to get home. The dance was on Friday night and he did not get home until Sunday night. Monday he was busily engaged in picking up parts of the buggy which were left behind. His friends wish him better luck next time.

GWYNNE

Miss Moneta Woodrow of Monitor, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Shantz.

A little son has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingalls.

The coal miners of Gwynne have struck a nice amount of coal and are very busy these cold days.

Mrs. Young left last week for Saskatchewan, where she will spend a few months with relatives.

MILLET

Dear Editor:
Through your valuable paper I wish to extend the heartiest of Christmas greetings to all readers, and that the flame of true Christmas spirit may glow in every heart of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Rev. I. N. Hinchman, Millet, Services for Sunday, December 24, will be as follows: Porto Bello 11 a.m., West Liberty, 2 p.m., Millet, 7:30 p.m. Subject "On Christmas Morn." Owing to a prolonged delay of copies of the Christmas Cards, that the important service has had to be withdrawn, much to the disappointment of many. But to no one more so than the choir themselves.

The air is full of Christmas, as this week in countless communities are joining together in making Christmas festivities the chief object of care, study and entertainment.

The Women's Institute are holding a concert and supper in the Community Hall on December 27th.

LARCH TREE

The ratepayers have decided to build a stable at the school grounds, which will be quite an improvement.

Miss Bertha Shale, our popular teacher, is very busy these days, drilling the children for the Christmas recitation. The Young People's Society is also helping with the program for the entertainment.

Mr. A. McLean and Mr. F. Lucas have been busy remodeling their cow barn, getting ready for inspection. They have made quite an improvement.

The Heller family have moved to the U.S.A. to reside. Jack was quite a popular boy among the young people. Just before leaving, the young people gave him a send-off which was a very enjoyable time, according to reports.

The young people have had several sleighing parties lately, but the cold weather put a stop to them.

Blake Johnson is busy picking turkeys and chickens these days. If you have turkeys to pick, just call on Blake if you want a good and quick job done. He has them picked before they make their last squawk.

What makes Ducks wear such a broad smile these days? Surely you are not trying to eat the other fellow out? Better look out Doug, or some of those duck rights you may get away with.

LONE RIDGE

The last meeting of the Lone Ridge U.F.A. local was held at the home of Mrs. O. G. Olson on December 7th, which was well attended despite the inclement weather. An address was given by E. S. Sparks, M.L.A., on proposed new legislation and other municipal matters, which was greatly appreciated. The election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Pres., S. Gindera; vice, J. P. Peterson; sec.-treas., J. R. Rickard; and the present board of directors were re-elected.

Resolutions were passed urging D. W. Warner, M.P., to support to his utmost ability the establishing of a wheat board for handling the 1923 crop, and also protesting against the importation, manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada.

The immigration question was also thoroughly discussed, resulting in the following resolution being passed unanimously:

"Whereas, we realize the necessity of immigration, but only those who will conform to the Canadian standard of living, and
"Whereas, we do not believe in bringing in immigrants through a policy of underemployment, but that the best immigration advertisement is a prosperous and contented settler, made so by having access to good markets;
"Therefore, be it resolved, that we favor an extensive immigration policy under the above conditions, but only after due attention has been given to the provision of adequate markets for the products of the soil."

A children's Christmas social will be held in the Lone Ridge hall on the afternoon of Friday, December 29. Ladies are asked to bring refreshments. Men will be charged an admission of 25c to defray expenses of fruit and candy. This is the Kiddies' Day. Come and see them enjoy themselves and have a good time yourself. Everybody welcome.

Trapper's Life Saved
By The Red Cross

In the Red Cross relief and publicity departments there are on file stories of life in the far north-west that would make excellent material for writers of "best-selling" fiction. One of these stories will link up to the public through the columns of a newspaper and the world will learn of the wonderful ways of the Greatest Mother.

Such a tale comes to hand from the distant point of Peace Cove, where the Red Cross has an outpost station, one hundred miles from the head of steel at Grande Prairie. It is the story of the endurance and fortitude of a trapper called Blizard Gus, and the ever open door of the emergency relief service of a Red Cross hospital.

Blizard Gus, his partner, Happy Gus, were carriers of the government mail from Fort St. John to Hudson's Hope, the most northerly settlement in the B.C. interior, one thousand and seventy-five miles north of Edmonton. True to his nickname, Gus ran into blizzards every time he started for anywhere. On the treacherous trails of the ice of the Peace River he got completely knocked out. One day Gus had the misfortune to fall through the ice and for two days he had to travel wet in the teeth of a winter wind. It was no wonder that the frozen glands of his throat gave him a great deal of trouble. Indeed he was in a very bad way when his face and neck began to swell and turn black. No doctor was at hand to render aid. One day trappers came to a hole in the swollen throat. Fever set in and it looked as if Blizard Gus had come to the end of the trail, but his friends decided to get him at all costs to the Red Cross hospital where he would have a fighting chance for his life.

They placed him on a sledge and the boat hauled frequently up against huge masses of ice, but they kept on going, and at last landed him safely in care of the Red Cross nurses at the hospital. It seemed to him as if he were entering heaven. Here was rest in a clean hospital bed, here was warmth, cleanliness, care, comfort, food and shelter.

Those who heard him tell his story of arrival and reception said that Blizard thought the establishment of two nursing sisters in that Red Cross hospital a thousand miles from nowhere was about the most perfect thing in the world of medicine. His wounds were taken care of immediately and with good nursing he was able to return to civilization. He is on his way back, and while in Winnipeg, his story of endurance came to the ears of the "Free Press" and was published as a bit of real life in the west. Because of his gratitude to the Red Cross, he trapper likes to talk about the service of the Greatest Mother in following the trail of the ice and snow to the edge of the world in her endeavor to serve humanity.

Wetaskiwin Markets
December 29, 1922

No. 1 Northern	80
No. 2 Northern	85
No. 3 Northern	88
No. 4 Northern	81
No. 5 Northern	72
Butter	51 - 63
Barley	35 - 40
Oats	33 - 40
Stems	2.00 - 2.50
Cows	1.00 - 2.00
Hogs	5.50
Sheep	5.00
Lamb	8.00
Pork	10.00
Butter	25 - 30
Peatmoor	85

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There is no question but that 1922 has been a most trying year for everybody, customers and merchant alike, and for this reason I have tried harder than ever before to give to my customers the greatest possible service in the way of assistance wherever possible, and the very best value for every dollar spent with me. I trust that the public understand at least to some extent the handicap that merchants are obliged to face at present and I am sure that you will appreciate the efforts made by me to serve you faithfully and well. Most of us however, have in the past seen business conditions much worse; and we have always come out all right, and I feel confident that with faith in our Province and especially in the Wetaskiwin district, that next year will be a banner year for us all. Thanking you once again for your kind favors during the past year, I am,

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